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**FEDERAL TRAVEL REGULATION  
GSA TRAVEL ADVISORY No. 8**

**Subject:** Worldwide Travel Caution

**Description:** With respect to the current worldwide events the following advisory is issued.

**Dear Federal Travelers and Federal Travel Managers:**

We are all aware of the current international events, the continuing terrorist threats against our homeland and we can never forget the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. However, we still have a job to do in support of America and our Government—and to accomplish our job requires frequent travel within and outside the continental United States. The General Services Administration (GSA) is committed to providing the most updated information possible for our customers. In this regard we ask that all travelers be vigilant when traveling to ensure not only your own safety but also that of others. Be aware of your surroundings, especially overseas, and report anything suspicious to the proper authorities.

For travel overseas the Department of State continually develops information on potential security threats that may affect the welfare of any U.S. citizen in foreign areas. This information is shared through the Department of State Consular Information Program. Public announcements, important telephone numbers, travel advisories and travel warnings are listed by country on the Department of State website at <http://travel.state.gov>. Travelers are also advised to contact the nearest American Embassy or Consulate for further information in the locality of their permanent or temporary duty station.

Travelers are highly encouraged to review the posted travel advisories and travel warnings on a daily basis, as these advisories/warnings provide a host of important information for those traveling to foreign areas. Also review the GSA website (<http://www.gsa.gov>) on a daily basis for the latest information for travel within the continental United States.

As the current events change, we will update this advisory and permit deviations from the Federal Travel Regulation as necessary to ensure travelers are able to return to their official station in a safe manner. Travelers are also advised to contact their agency in the event of an emergency. If you have further questions, you may call GSA's Office of Governmentwide Policy—Jim Harte, Travel Policy Team Leader at 202-501-0483, or your agency's travel policy manager.

This advisory expires May 3, 2003, unless sooner revoked by the Office of Transportation and Personal Property, Travel Management Policy.

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